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A. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, Dated 25 Feb 95

B. HQDA Letter 600-05-1, date 3 June 2005, SUBJ: Changes to the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Medical Badge and the Establishment of the Combat Action Badge

1. The purpose of this message is to provide processing procedures for award of the CAB.
2. Subsequent to 18 Sep 01 retroactive awards of the CAB may be made to fully qualified individuals. Requests not processed in theater will be submitted through the first two star general officer in the chain of command to Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332 for consideration.
3. Requests for award of the CAB should be submitted via a DA Form 4187 and must include the following: assignment, attachment, or OPCON orders; copy of the Soldier's Officer Records Brief (ORB), Enlisted Records Brief (ERB), or DA Form 2-1; chain of command endorsement; no more than a one page narrative description of qualifying incident; certified copy of DD Form 214 (if applicable); and supporting documentation (for example: official unit reports, casualty report, line of duty investigation, two or more eyewitness statements from Soldiers who participated in same ground combat action, or previously awarded Purple Heart orders (if applicable)).
4. For the purpose of awarding the CAB, attacks by mortars, rockets, rocket-propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices, and suicide bombers qualify for the badge.
5. If application is made for any of the incidents mentioned in para 4 (above), the narrative must include the following: proximity of the Soldier to the impacted area (in meters) and whether the Soldier could have reasonably been injured by the blast, detonation or explosion. (Example: (a) If you were in a 6 vehicle convoy which was engaged by an IED -- which vehicle sustained the initial blast? How close was the Soldier's vehicle to the blast area? (in meters). (b) If you were at a Forward Observation Base that came under mortar attack, where was the Soldier in relation to the blast? (100, 300, 550 meters, etc.)). Could the Soldier have reasonably been injured by the blast, detonation or explosion.
6. IAW paragraph 1-44, REF A, commanders will submit requisitions for available medals through normal supply channels. The projected date of availability for the badge is OCT 05. The NSN has not been established as of this message.
7. Authorized abbreviation used to annotate ORB/ERB and the DA Form 2-1, and submissions code to update the OMPF are as follows:

DECODE	DATA CODE	DA FORM, 2-1/ORB/ERB
CAB	CA	CAB

8. If you have any questions, please contact the Military Awards Branch at awards@hoffman.army.mil. or at DSN 221-8700/6699 or commercial (703) 325-8700/6699. Future updates can be found on the Military Awards Branch website, <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/awards/index.htm>.